

IV. IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Presently amended) A combination eye and ear protection apparatus, comprising:

an eye protection portion which includes respective ends,

an ear protection portion which includes a pair of ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge portions connected between said respective ends of said eye protection portion and said respective ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge-to-frame hinges connected between said pair of bridge portions and said frame ends,

a pair of bridge-to-ear-cover connectors connected to distal ends of said bridge portions, and

a pair of ear-cover-to-bridge connectors connected to outer portions of said ear-covering portions,

wherein said bridge-to-ear-cover connectors are comprised of first hook-or-loop connectors, and said ear-cover-to-bridge connectors are comprised of second hook-or-loop connectors,

wherein each of said bridge portions includes:

a first bridge segment connected to a bridge-to-frame hinge,

a second bridge segment connected to said first bridge segment at a first bend which has an outer bend angle,
and

a third bridge segment connected to said second bridge segment at a second bend which has an inner bend angle, and

wherein said inner bend angle is substantially equal to said outer bend angle.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Presently Amended) A combination eye and ear protection apparatus, comprising:

an eye protection portion which includes respective ends,

an ear protection portion which includes a pair of ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge portions connected between said respective ends of said eye protection portion and said respective ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge-to-frame hinges connected between said pair of bridge portions and said frame ends,

a pair of bridge-to-ear-cover connectors connected to distal ends of said bridge portions, and

a pair of ear-cover-to-bridge connectors connected to outer portions of said ear-covering portions,

wherein said bridge-to-ear-cover connectors are comprised of first hook-or-loop connectors, and said ear-

cover-to-bridge connectors are comprised of second hook-or-loop connectors,

wherein each of said bridge portions includes:

a first bridge segment connected to a bridge-to-frame hinge,

a second bridge segment connected to said first bridge segment at a first bend which has an outer bend angle,
and

a third bridge segment connected to said second bridge segment at a second bend which has an inner bend angle,
and

~~The apparatus of claim 2~~ wherein said inner bend angle and said outer bend angle are obtuse angles.

5. (Presently Amended) A combination eye and ear protection apparatus, comprising:

an eye protection portion which includes respective ends,

an ear protection portion which includes a pair of ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge portions connected between said respective ends of said eye protection portion and said respective ear-covering portions,

a pair of bridge-to-frame hinges connected between said pair of bridge portions and said frame ends,

a pair of bridge-to-ear-cover connectors connected to distal ends of said bridge portions, and

a pair of ear-cover-to-bridge connectors connected to outer portions of said ear-covering portions,

wherein said bridge-to-ear-cover connectors are comprised of first hook-or-loop connectors, and said ear-cover-to-bridge connectors are comprised of second hook-or-loop connectors,

wherein each of said bridge portions includes:

a first bridge segment connected to a bridge-to-frame hinge,

a second bridge segment connected to said first bridge segment at a first bend which has an outer bend angle,
and

a third bridge segment connected to said second bridge segment at a second bend which has an inner bend angle,
and

~~The apparatus of claim 2~~ wherein said inner bend angle and said outer bend angle provide an offset distance between said frame ends and ends of said bridge portions.

6. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 4 wherein said inner bend angle and said outer bend angle are approximately 120 degrees.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said ear protection portion is in a form of a headset.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said eye protection portion includes:

a frame which includes frame ends, and
lenses received in said frame.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said ear protection portion is in a form of a headset.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said eye protection portion includes:

a frame which includes frame ends, and
lenses received in said frame.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said ear protection portion is in a form of a headset.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said eye protection portion includes:

a frame which includes frame ends, and
lenses received in said frame.

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